GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Endowments Department – Development of a Scientific Finance & Account Management System in Seven Major Temples – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (ENDTS.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1098 **Dated: 15-11-2016**...

ORDER:

At present there is no scientific management of temple finances in the State except in T.T.D. Even the Seven Major Temples namely, Srisailam, Kalahasti, Kanipakkam, Kanaka Durga, Dwaraka Tirumala, Annavaram and Simhachalam Temples have no proper financial management and accounting system. This has led to loss of potential revenue due to petty corruption as well as inefficiency besides incurring wasteful expenditure.

2. Some efforts were made in the past but they have not yielded the desired results. In a recent review the Government has taken a firm decision that there should be complete overhaul of the Finance & Accounting System in the seven major temples before the end of the current financial year.

3. Accordingly, Government has held extensive discussions with Sri Narasimha Murthy, Advisor to Government (Financial Services) and devised the following strategy:-

i) The Financial Advisor will hand hold this entire exercise commencing from 15th November, 2016 till 31st March, 2017.

ii) A Team of three Finance Experts / Professionals will be hired who will be selected by the Advisor (Financial Services).

iii) A High Level Monitoring Committee consisting of the Principal Secretary (Endowments), Advisor (Financial Services), the Commissioner (Endowments) and Head of the IT Project for Endowments will be members of this committee. The Monitoring Committee will monitor the progress every month.

iv) The Expert Team shall visit all the seven major temples over a period of 2 to 3 days each to study the existing situation. The expert team will subsequently visit T.T.D. to study financial sector reforms which have implemented with the support of Sri Narasimha Murthy during the last few years.

v) After detailed study the Expert team will give specific strategy and recommendations for each temple for implementation.

vi) The Expert team will be paid suitable remuneration for their professional services.

vii) The Expert Team will not merely give recommendations but visit all the seven major temples regularly and monitor the implementation of their recommendations till it is successfully implemented.

viii) The Expert Team will be reporting to the Advisor (Financial Services) on a day to day basis.

ix) The Expert Team shall make presentations on the progress made to the High Level Monitoring Committee once every month.

x) The hardware, software, networking requirements, recruitment of professional staff and their training will be monitored by the Expert Team.

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xi) Government also directs that modern accounting system should be introduced in all the seven major temples initially. Subsequently, all other areas of work in the seven temples which have bearing on temple finances like sale of Arjitha Seva tickets, Parakamani counting, procurement of various raw materials for making prasadams etc., shall also be looked into by the Expert Team.

xii) The Expert team should be in place positively before 30th November, 2016.

xiii) Hiring of professionals for all the seven major temples should be completed before the end of December, so that trial run can start from January, 2017. Tally package with suitable modifications has been used in TTD successfully. A similar attempt could be made in all the seven major temples by making suitable modifications wherever necessary.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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